



## Maryland Green Registry MEMBER

The Maryland Green Registry promotes and recognizes sustainable practices at organizations of all types and sizes. Members agree to share at least five environmental practices and one measurable result while striving to continually improve their environmental performance.

# The Kane Company

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Member since March 2011

### Management and Leadership



#### Environmental Policy Statement

*Sustainability involves the continuing effort to use resources more efficiently and in ways which benefit the environment, our customers, business and local communities. Operating our business more sustainably means considering the environmental impacts of operations of the entire Kane Company and its subsidiaries, offices, supply chain and considering the lifecycle impact of the products and services both used and sold.*

*To operate more sustainably, The Kane Company will strive to:*

- *Provide customers with environmentally-responsible products, packaging and services at the most competitive prices.*
- *Educate and engage employees, customers and others on the importance of conserving resources, reducing waste and recycling;*
- *Use resources – energy, fuel, water and materials – more efficiently and responsibly to minimize our environmental footprint;*
- *Establish sustainability goals and objectives;*
- *Offer to our customers opportunities to recycle, reuse items that have reached their end of usefulness within their core usage;*
- *Review and communicate progress made toward achieving established goals and objectives; and*
- *Engage on public policy issues related to sustainability.*

*To continue to learn more about environmental topics such as climate change and supply chain resource efficiency, The Kane Company will foster*

*relationships with organizations engaged in developing collaborative sustainable business strategies. Through these relationships, we will endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of the opportunities to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions as well as develop a more sustainable approach to our business operations.*

*To become a more sustainable organization, The Kane Company will seek to engage business units and suppliers to improve the environmental aspects of the products sold, services provided and business operations. Our goal is to operate more sustainably, while maintaining a safe and comfortable working and service offering environment. To reach that goal, The Kane Company will continue to seek cooperative relationships with appropriate local, state and federal government programs and with relevant organizations in the communities we serve.*



#### **Environmental Team**

*We have established a Green Initiative Team which is made of up two sectors of our company. The first team is made up of upper management consisting of Vice Presidents and Business Unit Directors who plan policy and procedures for the Company. The second sector of this Team is made up of individuals who are from our Service Centers who will be the onsite Green Initiative Team leaders. They will implement the Company policies and procedures within their center and provide critical feedback and suggestions.*



#### **Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

*We are using renewable packaging where possible for our customers to use when moving. These include plastic crates to pack contents of offices and computer rooms, plastic floor protection, recyclable plastic wrap, and reusable cotton furniture pads. The use of plastic crates reduced our dependence on cardboard boxes by some 66% per year.*



#### **Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

*The procurement of supplies and equipment for our company center around environmentally friendly products, from products made from recyclable materials to products that can be recycled. Recyclable products take preference when purchasing.*

## Waste



### **Solid Waste Reduction and Reuse**

*In addition to recyclable plastic crates, Kane has pioneered the use of nylon straps and industrial rubber bands to hold furniture pads in place rather than rolls of single-use shrink wrap. Used furniture is given to non-profit groups, or taken to a metal or wood recycler.*



### **Recycling**

*At each of our service centers we recycle paper, bottles, cans, cardboard, shrink wrap, plastic bags, wood pallets, wood furniture, metal products, fluorescent light tubes, light ballast, copper and computer equipment. We recycle 100% of our paper and cardboard from large furniture deliveries is taken directly to a cardboard recycling company.*

## Energy



### **Energy Efficiency**

*We are replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs and tubes as well as looking at replacing high lumen warehouse lights with fluorescent tubes. Lights switches in our offices and rest rooms have motion detectors which turn the lights on when someone is in the office and turn them off when they leave. All of our Service Centers have been tasked with reducing dependency on natural gas and electricity by 10% for this coming calendar year.*

## Transportation



### **Fleet Vehicles**

*As a transportation company, we are cognizant of our carbon foot print and are taking steps to reduce it. Two of our companies, Office Movers, Inc and Kane 3PL, LLC are members of EPA's SmartWay program ([www.epa.gov/smartwaylogistics](http://www.epa.gov/smartwaylogistics)). In the past year we have replaced 33% of our truck fleet with 2011 model year trucks. The 2011 trucks, which meet the EPA 2010 Highway Rule, run on ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and reduce emissions by more than 90 percent. This year alone by upgrading our fleet we project to increase our overall fleet fuel efficiency by some 10 to 12%. We are also looking at electric trucks for local urban delivery and hybrid cars for our project managers.*

## Water



### **Stormwater Management and Site Design**

*Water runoff from storms is managed by retention ponds, underground retentions areas and 5' diameter underground pipe system. Also at one of our centers we have a pond which collects water runoff from the surrounding grassy areas.*

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